

Things to do in Anchorage and Beyond

In connection with the ICCH19 activities, a selection of self-guided excursions is available for participants to experience Alaska.

Excursions within Anchorage

ICCH19 Side events

- Welcome Reception to be held at the Hilton Hotel
- Helping Hands Awards / Fundraising Dinner to be held at Southcentral Foundation
- Gala Dinner to be held at the Alaska Native Heritage Center

Visit Anchorage

A selection of guided tours and experiences is available during the Congress week through Visit Anchorage. Participants can explore the city and beyond through hiking tours, boat trips, sightseeing excursions, cultural experiences, and bike excursions.

- Want a list of [Things To Do in Anchorage?](#) This page is full of activity ideas.
- Or here is a list of the [20 Best Things to do in Anchorage](#). It is full of ideas with links to specific activities to learn more.
- How about a variety of short or long itineraries, including north and/or south of Anchorage? This [website also has itinerary ideas](#).
- The [Plan Your Trip](#) section will also be helpful.
- The visitor guide is a great resource. [Here is a link to the digital version](#). You can pick up a printed copy of the guide at the [visitor centers](#).
- For food, here is a link to the [restaurant guide](#).
- If you want to know what is going on during a specific timeframe, visit [Our calendar of events](#).
- Visiting the [University of Alaska Anchorage](#) (UAA) and [Alaska Pacific University](#) (APU) lets you explore two distinct campus communities set against Anchorage's stunning natural landscape.
- Check the [Anchorage Weekend Downtown Market site](#) open on Saturdays and Sundays through the summer months. Admission is free where you will find local vendors, food & treats and entertainment.
- Tour the Alaska Native Medical Center, where healthcare, culture and community connect. End your tour by discovering authentic Alaska Native arts in the craft shop. For details about tours, contact Roberta Miljure, Volunteer Services at rmiljure@anthc.org.

Ride the Train

Anchorage is a great starting point for [rail travel in Alaska](#), with trains departing daily in the summer for Seward, Prince William Sound, Denali, Talkeetna and Fairbanks. Check out the Glacier Discovery train to Spencer Whistle stop, it's an easy – and incredible – day trip while in Anchorage.

Go Flight Seeing

Flightseeing is one of the best ways to explore the mountains, soar over glaciers, and spot wildlife from above. Anchorage has more pilots and planes per capita than any place in the U.S., and the busiest floatplane base in the world. Flightseeing tours depart from Anchorage year-round, areas of Alaska not accessible by any other means. Aviation has long been a lifeline to rural Alaska ("the bush") – an integral part to the state's history and development.

Excursions outside of Anchorage

For Congress attendees who may rent a car, here is a list of excursions outside of the Anchorage area.

[Visit Girdwood](#)

On the way to Girdwood, stop in Indian Valley and [Crow Creek](#), the site of gold strikes at the end of the 19th century. Gold panning is still a common pursuit, and with a pan, persistence and a little patience, anyone has a shot at finding flakes of Alaska gold. After you leave Girdwood, continue on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm to the [Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center](#).

[Visit the Reindeer Farm](#) in Palmer

[Visit the Musk Ox Farm](#) in Palmer

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Go on a fishing excursion

- [Seward, Alaska](#)
- [Whittier, Alaska](#)
- [Homer, Alaska](#)

[Visit Denali National Park](#)